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LOVELL'S SURVEY OF OPC/R&D, Feb 1951
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Asked about his survey of OPC/R&D, 3 Feb 51 and previously carded, Lovell recalls he was vacationing in Florida and returned to Washington spending 10 days with OPC. Among other things, he called in for talks each member of OPC/R&D. Very few, he said, knew the mission of R&D or what their specific jobs were. The thought in his mind while writing his survey, was the hope it might bring together in one organization, OAD/OSO and R&D/OPC, under a strong manager with lots of imagination, and staffed by technical and scientific people. Later, he received a complimentary letter from Bedell Smith and assumes latter read his survey.

Recalls a meeting with Gen. Vandenberg, then DCI circa Feb 47, at which time Vandenberg offered Lovell job of heading up R&D for three year tour. While tempted, Lovell says he declined when he learned that Vandenberg was leaving CIG in a couple of months.

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While with OSS, Lovell says he wore two hats: he headed up R&D for Donovan and was NDRC liaison man with OSS, responsible to Vannevar Bush; latter arrangement gave him authority to get action fr NDRC.

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Lovell's recollections on the beginning of documentation summarized as follows: Announcement by Buxton in OSS staff meeting, summer 1942, that an OSS agent sent into France and picked for lack of documents and subsequently executed motivated Lovell to do something about developing a documentation capability. As a chemist, his approach thru ability to make paper and inks. As a lawyer, Donovan reluctant to get into this work because of illegal aspects. Doering (Donovan's law partner), Lovell and Bowden, attorney for IPE, leading advocates. Donovan finally succumbed to their persuasions when presented with Lovell's recommendations and OKed on 8 Dec 42. Reddick obtained fr Army to headup documentation shop. Thru Doering, who'd been a college roommate of Randolph Paul UnderSecTreas, Lovell gained entre to Morganthau who arranged for WhiteHapproval, Secret Service protection, and Bur Printg & Engraving cooperation. Charlie Kelly, 60 year-old siderographer around whom the shop functioned, was recruited out from under nose of objecting American Bank Note Co in NY. Initial concept, setup shops in theaters; this reversed later in favor of establishing capability at Hq and then expanding. (over)

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Lovell's recollections of COI, SA/G, Tech Developmt Sectn summarized as follows: Lovell came to Washington in ~~March~~ 1942 to work under Vannever Bush in NDRC. He was liaison between NDRC and Goodfellow of SA/G. Goodfellow had been editor of Brooklyn Eagle and was without technical or weaponry background. Principal problem recalled was that of SA/G requirements which asked NDRC to develop unorthodox weapons without providing info of circumstances under which device would be used. Situation became so frustrating that Dr.s Adams and Connant finally called on Donovan saying, requirements must be more straightforward or NDRC could not undertake SA/G work. Lovell's lasting recollection of Tech Dev Sectn: plenty of confusion and little or no development of unorthodox weapons. While it was the beginning of a concept, production did not start until OSS replaced COI.

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Four sheets describing a debriefing interview with Stanley P. LOVELL.

ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

This interview covers wrong aspects of the early problems of technical organization.

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